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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S) : Naomi L. NAKAO
SERIAL NO. : 10/670,106
FILED : 09/24/2003
FOR : Medical Instrument for Fluid Injection and Related Method
GROUP ART UNIT : 3767
EXAMINER : Jamie W. Corrigan

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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

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In response to the Restriction Requirement contained in the Office Action of June 22, 2006, applicant hereby elects the claims of Group 1 (claims 1-5) for continued prosecution in the above-identified application.

In further response to the Office Action of June 22, 2006, applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows. Pursuant to current practice, all pending claims, including original claims, previously presented claims, withdrawn claims, and currently amended claims, are presented below. Canceled claims are

indicated as being canceled. Underlining indicates additions to the specification and claims, while strikethrough or double brackets indicate deletions.